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For: NETWORK FOR DECREASING TRANSMIT LINK LAYER CORE SPEED

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 23, 2006, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 7, 14, and 21, and amend the remaining claims as follows: